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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Masahiro MORISHITA et al
Serial No. : 09/824,281
Filed : April 2, 2001
For : METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
GLASS PARTS FOR CONNECTING
OPTICAL FIBERS AND GLASS
PARTS FOR CONNECTING OPTICAL
FIBERS MANUFACTURED USING
THE METHOD

Art Unit : 1731

Examiner :

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

S I R :

This supplements the Preliminary Amendment filed
concurrently with the above-identified application on April 2,
2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claim 8, as follows:

8. (Amended) A glass part for connecting optical fibers
manufactured using the method claimed in claim 3, wherein said
glass part has open ends, and wherein at least one of the open

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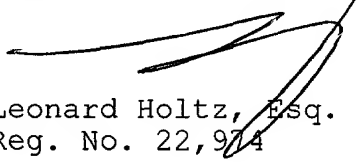
ends of said glass part is tapered in such a manner that there is
5 a continuous curved surface at a boundary between the at least
one of the open ends and said internal hole.

REMARKS

Claim 8 has been amended to correct the dependency thereof.
Approval and entry of amended claim 8 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or
recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the
undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt
action.

Respectfully submitted,


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VERSION OF CLAIMS SHOWING AMENDMENTS MADE

8. (Amended) A glass part for connecting optical fibers
manufactured using the method claimed in claim [2] 3, wherein
said glass part has open ends, and wherein at least one of the
open ends of said glass part is tapered in such a manner that
5 there is a continuous curved surface at a boundary between the at
least one of the open ends and said internal hole.